

Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Projects or Activities - The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under HFRA, therefore it is subject to 36 CFR §218, Subparts A and B only.

Who May Submit Project Specific, Written Comments – Any interested or affected party. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR §218.2) who submit timely, project specific written comments during a public comment period will be eligible to file an objection (36 CFR 218.24(b)(6)) and should sign the comments or verify identity upon request (36 CFR §218.24(b)(8)).

Contents of Project Specific, Written Comments - To be eligible to submit an objection, individuals and entities must have provided the following during the comment period (36 CFR 218.25 (3)(i-v)):

1. Name and postal address. Email address in addition is recommended but not required.
2. Title of the proposed project or activity.
3. Specific written comments as defined in §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity, along with supporting reasons.
4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request and identification of the individual or entity who authored the comment(s). For comments listing multiple entities or multiple individuals, a signature or other means of verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each entity and for each individual in the case of multiple names. A scanned signature or other means of verifying the identity of the individual or entity representative may be used for electronically submitted comments.
5. Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments to establish personal eligibility; comments received on behalf of an entity are considered as those of the entity only.
6. Comments should be written within the scope of the proposed actions, have a direct relationship to the proposed actions, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR §218.2).

When to Submit Project Specific, Written Comments - Comments will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of this legal notice in the newspaper of record, *Portola Reporter*. The publication date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. All comments are available for public inspection during and after the comment period.

Computation of the Comment Period - The time period is computed using calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. However, when the time period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments shall be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day (11:59 p.m. in the time zone of the receiving office for comments filed by electronic means such as email or facsimile).

Where to Submit Project Specific, Written Comments - Matt Jedra, Beckwourth District Ranger, is the Responsible Official for the Thompson Meadow Restoration Project.

Enclosure – Opportunity To Comment on Proposed Projects or Activities

Electronic comments should be submitted via email to comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@usda.gov. Attachments to comments must be submitted in one of the following formats only: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or Adobe portable document format (.pdf).

Comments may be mailed, delivered, or faxed to the Responsible Official, Matt Jedra, District Ranger c/o Plumas National Forest, Attn: Joe Hoffman, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971 (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), FAX (530) 283-7746.

Responsibility for Written Comments – It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner as provided for in (a)(4) of this section (36 CFR 218.25).

Evidence of Timely Submission - When there is a question about timely submission of comments, timeliness shall be determined as follows (36 CFR 218.25 (4)(i-iii)):

1. Written comments must be postmarked by the Postal Service, emailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted (for example, express delivery service) by 11:59 p.m. in the time zone of the receiving office on the 30th calendar day following publication of the legal notice for proposed projects or activities to be analyzed and documented in an EA.
2. Hand-delivered comments must be time and date imprinted at the correct responsible official's office by the close of business on the 30th calendar day following publication of the legal notice for proposed projects or activities to be analyzed and documented in an EA.
3. For emailed comments, if the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgment of the receipt of the comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Extensions of the Comment Period –The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended (36 CFR 218.25(iv)).

For additional information regarding this document, contact: Matt Jedra, Beckwourth District Ranger, Plumas National Forest, at (530) 836-2575 or matthew.jedra@usda.gov; or Todd Hillaire, Senior Water Resources Engineer, California Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office, at (530) 529-7347 or Todd.Hillaire@water.ca.gov.